

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the Stull amendment. I don't think that we want to regiment transportation. I think that one of the biggest detriments to the railroad today in the operation is ICC regulations. If you follow every rule and every ICC rule and I use the railroad quite a bit, if you accept all of the....follow all of the regulations you couldn't use the railroads. Ask any....This thing....I just think that probably this morning we are wasting our time talking about something that most of us don't know a sheep from a coat about it. Probably what we should do is have an interim study, but I certainly would not want to get....I wouldn't want Carpenter's bill or his proposition, I wouldn't want Stull's or I want this diesel fuel rolled back to a reasonable figure and it can be done. And, the oil companies can still make a profit.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the Stull amendment? Senator Stull why don't you close on your amendment. This is Senator Stull closing on his amendment to the Whitney amendment to LR114. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, were a nation that actually we will come to a halt a unless we keep these wheels of transportation rolling. We are faced today with almost a complete stoppage of trucking industry and I think that we can not really divide the railroad transportation from the trucking. I think that if we are going to help the truckers and I want to help the truckers we should include the railroads right along with them.

PRESIDENT: Now then the question is shall the Stull amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Motion is to adopt the Stull amendment to the Whitney amendment to LR114. This is simply an a...Stull amendment to Whitney's amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 4 nays and the remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Stull amendment is now added to the Whitney amendment. We are back to discussing the Whitney amendment to LR114, as amended. Is there further discussion of the amendment? Any further discussion? Senator Whitney then why don't you close on your amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature what this would do then would point one would say that the legislature of the state of Nebraska urges the federal government to support an increase in freight rates sufficient to off set the additional cost of the operation of the trucking and railway industry. Now why can't we get our grain and livestock hauled? Because the freight rates are too low. If we had higher freight rates then they could build more cars. We could get markets, our grain to the markets and our livestock to the markets. Since there has been increases in the cost pertaining to both the railroad and the trucking industry we simply have to give them a price so that they can get the job done. Since there has been an increase in wage rates to the oil industry and others we simply have to give them a higher price so that they can pay a labor. Now lets take Gulf Oil for example. This year they had to have a 51% increase in price that is in net income in order to equal the net income that they had for a four year period prior to 1972. In 1972 they had a great decline in net income.